

ASSIGNMENT AS AN FBIS EDITOR

Just as I had hoped, in my day-to-day work as an editor-in-training with FBIS, I was assigned responsible duties in an office of intelligent, competent and concerned professionals. While I cannot say that I "enjoyed" the necessarily mechanical aspects of editing copy, I must concede that I learned quite a lot about current issues of importance in the Far East, especially Communist China, Japan and Indonesia, the countries to which I devoted most of my time.

I am gratified to have been received by my supervisors and fellow workers as a responsible staff member. To an unexpected degree, I was exposed to the responsibilities and prerogatives of a full-time editor for the Daily Report. Among other things, this included my participation in a three-day training session on the elementary principles of Automatic Data Processing, meetings outside the scope of the intern briefing program, as well as a very memorable film series on Saturday afternoons.

Since my only previous official exposure to the Federal Government found me in a clerical capacity with few responsibilities, I am particularly grateful to have been assigned professional-level duties this summer.

I feel I have been well-treated during my internship with FBIS and am very glad to have had such a worthwhile learning experience. I will leave my employ this summer with a greater respect for the workings and workers of the Federal Government.

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SUMMER INTERN BRIEFING PROGRAM

Surely the most intellectually invigorating aspect of the summer intern program has been the series of official briefings. Because the size of our group was quite small, we were able to participate in very frank exchanges with the senior officials meeting with us. Although the intern coordinators would undoubtedly appreciate an evaluation of the individual worth of the several briefings, I am unable to say more than that my memories are uniformly enthusiastic. Without exception, the briefings to date (14 August) have been interesting and highly informative. I am very glad to have had the opportunity of exposure to the many Agency operations discussed in conference.

The summer intern briefing program has proven to be the most valuable aspect of my internship



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